

one piece of a comprehensive effort to promote economic development in the I-99 corridor.

This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because supporting job creation and entrepreneurial development are critically important in our current economy. Federal funding that is utilized to directly impact job creation and to support entrepreneurship and small businesses yields a sustainable and justified investment for communities and our country.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. VERN BUCHANAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3183, the Energy & Water Appropriations Act, 2010:

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corps of Engineers—Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Manatee County

Address of Requesting Entity: 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, FL 34205

Description of Request: I secured \$5,565,000 for an important dredging project for flood control purposes.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corps of Engineers—Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Sarasota

Address of Requesting Entity:

Description of Request: I secured \$500,000 to replenish the beach to deal with ongoing erosion.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corps of Engineers—O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: West Coast Inland Navigation District

Address of Requesting Entity: 200 E. Miami Avenue, Venice, FL 34285

Description of Request: I secured \$780,000 for maintenance dredging of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corps of Engineers—Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Manatee County

Address of Requesting Entity: 1112 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, FL 34205

Description of Request: I secured \$200,000 to complete the necessary study to enroll certain portions of Anna Maria Island beached into the federal program.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corps of Engineers—Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Port Manatee

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 Tampa Bay Way, Palmetto, FL 34221

Description of Request: I secured \$200,000 for or maintenance of the Manatee Harbor Basin, if the Secretary determines that such maintenance is economically justified and environmentally acceptable and that the channel or breakwater was constructed in accordance with the applicable permits and appropriate engineering and design standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corps of Engineers—Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Port Manatee

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 Tampa Bay Way, Palmetto, FL 34221

Description of Request: I secured \$500,000 on-going U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' General Re-evaluation Report.

Requesting Member: Congressman VERN BUCHANAN

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Corps of Engineers—Section 1135

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Sarasota County

Address of Requesting Entity: 1600 Ringling Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34236

Description of Request: I secured language to allow it to be used for construction of a central sewer system and other needed infrastructure to replace approximately 14,000 individual septic systems.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks as well as in accord with Clause 9 of Rule XXI, I am submitting the following information regarding the earmark I received as part of H.R. 3170—Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman PHIL GINGREY

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Account: Small Business Administration

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: University of West Georgia

Address of Requesting Entity: 1601 Maple Street, Carrollton, GA 30118

Description of Request: In cooperation with the Carroll County Economic Development Foundation, the university will use funding to establish a small business incubator to assist small business in a six county area of West Georgia (Bartow, Carroll, Haralson, Floyd, Polk, and Paulding Counties). This program will offer counseling, resource information exchange, and distance learning opportunities for entrepreneurs and small business ventures. The program will also provide online access to and navigation of the West Georgia Angel Investors Network.

This project will provide the expertise of academic and business professionals directly to the budding entrepreneur. The program will include counseling, consolidated business resource databases, information blogs, and links to regulatory programs and funding sources. Video and online conferencing will afford real-time communication between individuals and groups. Distance learning opportunities will in-

clude training webinars in both live simulcast and archived viewing. Finally, the virtual resource center will provide a perpetual 3-D "tradeshow" exposure for participating businesses, including direct links to client websites.

The program will also give potential business entrepreneurs access to much needed seed capital through angel investors in the region. Business financial analysis and exit strategy development are just two of the resources that will be available to the entrepreneurs interested in investment capital. Counseling and guidance in developing an investment package would prepare the business owner for serious consideration by the Angel Investors Network.

The \$100,000 in Small Business Administration funding will be applied according to the following expenditure breakout:

Project Manager, \$55,000

Support Staff (3), 90,000

Senior staff supervision and oversight, 80,000

Supplies, 20,000

Program Launch, 45,000

Program Development, 30,000

Technical Assistance, 25,000

Equipment, 205,000

Travel, 10,000

Administrative and accounting, 30,000

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO

OF WEDNESDAY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Mr. CAO. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010:

As requested by me, Representative ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 funding for the Global Green New Orleans-Holy Cross project. This is in the Department of Energy EERE account in the amount of \$550,000. The funding will go towards construction of and LEED Platinum standards for 5 single-family homes, an 18-unit apartment building, and a Community Development/Sustainable Design and Climate Action Center.

As requested by me, Representative ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 funding for the Clean Power Energy Research Consortium (CPERC). This is in the Department of Energy Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability account in the amount of \$1,000,000. CPERC will use these funds to address critical scientific and engineering issues in clean power and energy generation to develop technologies to reduce fuel consumption and greenhouse gases emissions in the U.S. This is a joint venture between UNO, Louisiana State University, LSU, Tulane, Southern University, Nicholls State University, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and the Louisiana State AgCenter.

As requested by me, Representative ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 3183—Energy and Water

Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 provides for Louisiana Coastal Area Ecosystem Restoration. This is in the Army Corps of Engineers Investigations account in the amount of \$20,000,000. The funding will go towards identifying and implementing ecosystem restoration projects to restore and protect coastal Louisiana.

As requested by me, Representative ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 provides for floor control construction in the Mississippi Delta Region. This is in the Army Corps of Engineers MRT-Construction account in the amount of \$2,250,000. The funding for this project will go towards providing protection against a projected flood having a flow of 3,000,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) at the latitude of Old River.

As requested by me, Representative ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 provides for operations and maintenance funding in the Mississippi River Levees area, specifically within Southeast Louisiana. This is in the Army Corps of Engineers MRT-Operations and Maintenance account in the amount of \$8,011,000. The funding will go towards raising, strengthening, and in some cases, extending existing levees to stronger flood protection along the Mississippi River west bank from Black Hawk to Venice, and on the east bank from Baton Rouge to Bohemia, LA.

As requested by me, Representative ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 provides for operations and maintenance funding for the Gulf Coast Intracoastal Waterway in Louisiana. This is in the Army Corps of Engineers Operation and Maintenance account in the amount of \$24,777,000. The funding for this project would go towards the operation and maintenance of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) which crosses through all five states that comprise the Gulf of Mexico.

As requested by me, Representative ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 provides for operations and maintenance of projects along the Mississippi River from Baton Rouge to the Gulf of Mexico. This is in the Army Corps of Engineers Operation and Maintenance account in the amount of \$54,994,000. The funding for this project will go towards the operation and maintenance of the Mississippi River, Baton Rouge to the Gulf of Mexico project which provides a 45-foot deep draft channel between Baton Rouge and the Gulf of Mexico.

As requested by me, Representative ANH "JOSEPH" CAO, H.R. 3183—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 provides for increased hurricane protection along the southeast coast of Louisiana. This is in the Army Corps of Engineers Investigations account in the amount of \$1,000,000. The funding will go towards overall efforts to comprehensively address storm damage risk reduction protection, coastal restoration and flood control needs in South Louisiana and would provide a detailed study as part of the LACPR initiatives.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Mr. SOUDER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the House Republican standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman MARK SOUDER

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Department of Energy, Science

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Trine University

Address of Requesting Entity: Trine University, One University Avenue, Angola, IN, 46703

Description of Request: Trine University will play a key role in educating future biomechanical engineers creating and delivering a unique Masters of Biomedical Engineering applied research program that will be incubated over time to provide the foundation for a Biomechanics and Movement Sciences Center at Trine University. For the MBE program to become reality, Trine must renovate the existing Aero Building on the Trine University campus. The renovations will include a laboratory area that will enable students to engage in applied research in materials strengths, mechanical efficacy, and structures utilizing industry-standard full and desktop-scale universal testing equipment. An additional laboratory area will provide opportunities for students to investigate motion systems through the utilization of biomechanical simulation, EMG, MX and force plate technology.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF EMPRESS CASINO OF JOLIET, ILLINOIS

### HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, on June 25th, the Empress Casino opened its doors after a three month hiatus. In March, the casino suffered a nearly catastrophic fire. Being a major employer in Will County, the impact could have been devastating. However, thanks to the tenacity of the casino and its employees, the situation has had a very successful outcome.

Over the past three months, Empress Casino and its employees continued to contribute to their community. Empress Casino maintained their charitable support and paid employees their usual salaries during this time. Empress staff responded to this challenge by providing more than 6,000 volunteer hours to community organizations. Empress Casino and their employees have overcome adversity and despite the obstacles, they have continued to be a caring neighbor.

Empress Casino implemented an aggressive renovation plan, which has allowed gaming revenues to be reinstated and Empress

employees to come back to work. Local businesses who provide services at the Empress have also returned. I extend my congratulations to the company and its employees for their extraordinary conduct during this difficult time. They offer a shining example of leadership and compassion.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF AERONAUTICAL ENGINEER JOHN C. HOUBOLT'S JOLIET AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM PERMANENT EXHIBIT

### HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Aeronautical Engineer John C. Houbolt, an unsung champion of space exploration and intelligence, who is going to be eternalized at the Joliet Area Historical Museum with a permanent exhibit entitled "The Soaring Achievements of John C. Houbolt."

Houbolt played a critical role in the infancy of space exploration when he discovered, adopted, and then championed the lunar flight path called "Lunar Orbit Rendezvous." (LOB) In June 1961, LOR was chosen for the Apollo program and this critical decision was viewed as vital to ensuring that man reached the Moon in the 1960's, as President John F. Kennedy had proposed and, in the process, saved billions of dollars and time by efficiently using existing rocket technology.

Houbolt never lost faith in LOR even when his theories faced strong opposition from others in his field. His humble persistence and determination are a testament to his passion for knowledge and his own ideas. It is this fervor and intelligence that allowed him to not only be an inspiration for men and women all over the nation interested in space discovery, but also other important figures in space exploration, like Buzz Aldrin, who has expressed much admiration for Houbolt.

On May 15, 2005, Houbolt was granted an honorary doctorate from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign for his lifetime achievements, even after earning his Bachelor's degree in 1940 and his Master's degree in 1942 in Civil Engineering. Houbolt didn't stop there, however, obtaining a PhD in Technical Sciences in 1957 from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, Switzerland.

Although no other human being contributed more in making the Apollo lunar landings possible, Houbolt's contributions to Apollo's mission do not define this man as his contributions will continue to reverberate into the future of aeronautical engineering. John C. Houbolt has left his influential mark on the field of space exploration and will continue to be an inspiration to those just entering the field or becoming interested in the universe around us. It is with great pride that I recognize all of his many accomplishments upon the event of this exhibit.